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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2013-126 – Acknowledgement Letter  
(PRIV FOIA Request No. 2013-HQFO-00806)  
(CRCL FOIA Request No. 13-048)

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Privacy Office (PRIV), dated July 7, 2013, and seeking records regarding investigations of alleged violations of whistleblower protection laws (copy enclosed for reference). PRIV referred your request to the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), which subsequently referred your request to the DHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) for processing and direct response to you. DHS-OIG received that referral on July 25, 2013, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. Although DHS-OIG's goal is to respond within 20 business days of receipt of your request, the FOIA does permit a 10-day extension of this time period under 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B). As your request seeks numerous documents that will necessitate a thorough and wide-ranging search, DHS-OIG hereby invokes this 10-day extension for your request, and estimates a response to your request to be provided within 30 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on how many responsive records and the types of records identified and located in our records search. If you care to narrow the scope of your request, please contact our office. We will make every effort to comply with your request in a timely manner.

We have not yet made a decision on your request for a fee waiver. We will do so after we determine whether fees will be assessed for this request.

Should you have questions, please contact us at 202-254-4001 or [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov). Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,



Traci Quan  
FOIA/PA Disclosure Specialist

# Copy of FOIA Request

Date : Jul 7, 2013 20:58 GMT  
To : 12023434011  
From : fax@requests.muckrock.com  
Subject: Freedom of Information Request: NO FEAR Act Whistleblower

July 7, 2013  
Department of Homeland Security  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security  
Privacy Office  
Director, Disclosure & FOIA  
245 Murray Drive SW, Building 410  
STOP-655  
Washington, D.C. 20528-0655

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PRIVACY OFFICE

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act. I hereby request the following records:

NO FEAR Act investigations conducted by this agency that involve alleged and possible violations of whistleblower protection laws between Jan 1., 2008 and the date that the request is processed. Please include copies of all closed investigations, whether or not violations of whistleblower protection laws were indeed found to have been violated.

I also request that, if appropriate, fees be waived as I believe this request is in the public interest. The requested documents will be made available to the general public free of charge as part of the public information service at MuckRock.com, processed by a representative of the news media/press and is made in the process of news gathering and not for commercial usage.

In the event that fees cannot be waived, I would be grateful if you would inform me of the total charges in advance of fulfilling my request. I would prefer the request filled electronically, by e-mail attachment if available or CD-ROM if not.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this matter. I look forward to receiving your response to this request within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Sincerely,

Michael Morisy

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